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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: RE: Comments on the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

On behalf of and at instruction from Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, I am forwarding his comments on the proposed Microsoft Settlement Agreement for your review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Microsoft is a company that has long provided good products to consumers and businesses. When word of a possible settlement in the Microsoft case broke, the markets surged. In spite of gloomy economic reports, the news was viewed by investors as a sign that our nation's critically important high-tech industry could move forward without the continuing shadow of government interference. It is my view that the provisions of the proposed settlement will be good for consumers, businesses, the technical sector and our economy as a whole.

As I understand it, the settlement places sanctions on Microsoft without destroying the company. These sanctions will foster greater competition in the software industry and give consumers greater choice when they purchase and enhance their computers. I am encourage by the actions of the Department of Justice and your efforts to settle this case.

Please accept this correspondence as my full support for both the Department of Justice and the nine Attorneys General in the efforts to

finally put an end to this case and agree to a settlement that is in our nation's best interest.

Sincerely Yours,

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